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The Importance of Data Quality

Before you submit your data to the Arkansas Trauma Registry, please take a few minutes to review your records to ensure their accuracy. Some of the fields that may be worth a second glance are:

- ◆ Emergency Department Length of Stay
- ◆ Trauma Team Activation
- ◆ ED Systolic Blood Pressure
- ◆ Trauma Band Number
- ◆ Pre-hospital Vitals
- ◆ Comorbidities and Complications
- ◆ Referring Facility Name (where your transfers are going)

Please keep in mind that we use these data to create regional and statewide scorecard reports. This data may also be used for re-search purposes. Therefore, we want to make sure that we are receiving quality data. We appreciate your attention to this matter.



Trauma Registry: By the Numbers

Here you will find a glimpse of the number of trauma registry patients for 2013 by the state as a whole and by TRAC..

Arkansas: 19,000+

Need an Extension on Submission?

- ◆ If unforeseen circumstances prohibit you from making a timely data submission, you may request an extension. To do so, please contact **Marie Lewis** stating your issue and the probability of when a submission will be made.
- ◆ A request for extension should be submitted at least 10 working days prior to the reporting deadline.

AR Valley: 1,820

SWTRAC: 2,247

SETRAC: 996

NCTRAC: 1,783

NETRAC: 2,920

NWTRAC: 2,545

CATRAC: 6,383



Registry Updates

- ◆ Report Runner: we are still working with DI to solve the issue with report runner. Once the issue is resolved, we will conduct a Tandberg training on how to use the module.
- ◆ Arkansas Trauma Registrar User's Group Meeting
 - ◆ Location: AR Dept. of Health
 - ◆ Date: December 2, 2014
 - ◆ Time: 9-AM to 4:30PM
- ◆ V5 Implementation Conference Call
 - ◆ Every other Wednesday at 9:30a-10:30a
 - ◆ Call-in number: 888-204-5984
 - ◆ Access code: 3746461#



Training Opportunities

Training opportunities are still available for those that want one-on-one training on various registry issues. Therefore, if any trauma registrars and coordinators need more training on a certain topic concerning the trauma registry, please send an email to Jamie Owens or Austin Porter detailing your training needs.

This training will be beneficial to new registrars and those who have never received any type of training on

Registry Questions



Question: I'm ready to submit data for QTR 1, but I'm unable to do so in NTRACS V5. Can we get directions on how to submit?

Answer: DI is working on the implementation of the submission module for NTRACS V5 users. Once we receive more information in regard to this issue, we will contact each facility that has implemented NTRACS V5.

True or False:

Procedure start times are the times at which the procedure was ordered.

Answer: False

Procedure start times are the times that the patient actually underwent the procedure.

Additional Information is located on Page 153 of the ATR Data Dictionary or Page 86 of NTDB Data Dictionary.

If you find that it is difficult to retrieve this information, please consult with your doctors and nurses about documentation.



Data Submission Schedule

Data submittal will be based on discharges that occur in calendar quarters. The deadline for data submission is 60 days within the close of the quarter. Arkansas Trauma Registry (ATR) recommends that data records be entered into the registry as close the discharge date as possible

January 1 through March 31

QTR 1 – May 31st

April 1 through June 30

QTR 2 – August 31st

July 1 through September 30

QTR 3 – November 30th

October 1 through December 31

QTR 4 – March 1st

Trauma Registry Staff

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